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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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29 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 9/8

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual MessagesI. Personnel Situation

- (1) Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij has the following personnel complement for August:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Wages</u>
Workers	1750	261000 rubles
Engineering technical personnel	135	121000
Employees	50	22000
Unidentified personnel	30	5000
Students	8	13000
Other personnel	71	24600

- (2) Employees of the People's Commissariat for the River Fleet who refuse to accept the jobs assigned to them are being turned over to the prosecuting authorities.

- (3) Krasnoyarsk-NKRF is instructed either to release or transfer to the Armed Forces girls who are employed at NKRF enterprises. However, girls who were already drawn into the Armed Forces from NKRF enterprises can no longer be placed in a draft-exempt category. According to a government decree, all working women with children under eight years are entitled to one day off per week.

- (4) The People's Commissariat for Finance decreed that state bonuses, which are being paid out to laborers and employees, are to be taxable in the same way as workers' rewards and stipends.

- (5) The following NKRF offices and enterprises received the following bonuses for good performances in July:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Bonus</u>
Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	120000 rubles
Astrakhan Steamship "20 let oktyabrya"	10000
Astrakhan Plant "tretij international"	40000
Yakutsk	20000
Krasnoarmejsk	30000
Kineshma	10000
Omsk	50000
Saratov, NKRF Plant	20000
Semipalatinsk	10000
Vladimirovka, Dock	10000

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(6) The procurement of food supplies and the bringing in of the harvest are not satisfactory in Blagoveshchensk-NKRF.

(7) Irkutsk-NKRF is very far behind in procuring its own food stocks and bringing in the potato and vegetable harvest.

(8) Kujbyshev-NKRF and Saratov-NKRF are to report on the procured quantities of potatoes, vegetables and mushrooms as of 25 August. The food preserved for winter needs may be delivered to the consumer only after approval has been granted.

The following food authorizations were identified:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(9)	Krasnodar (?)	7.6 tons	Flour	Krasnodar, Grain Procurement	For August/September
(10)	Krasnodar	4.55	Groats	"	"
(11)	Dvurechnaya, Ukrainian NK for Trade	32	Rice	Stalingrad and Astrakhan	For August
(12)	Novosibirsk-NKRF	5	Sugar	Novosibirsk	---
(13)	Starobelsk, NKVD Prison	1.5	Vegetable oil	Starobelsk, Ukrainian NK for Food Industry	---
(14)	Ust Ussa-NKRF	2	Butter	Arkhangelsk, Butter Industry	---
(15)	Voroshilovgrad, Prison	1	Meat	Voroshilovgrad, Meat and Dairy Sales	For third quarter
(16)	Stalingrad, Agriculture Auxiliary Enterprises	200 head	Calves	Oblast' West Kazakhstan	---
		250	Sheep	"	---
(17)	Azerbaidzhan, Oblast' Supply Directorate of the NKRF	1.7 tons	Fish	Azerbaidzhan Fish Industry	For September
(18)	Supply Office of the Middle Volga Steam-Ship Agency	100 tons	Fish	Kujbyshev, Fish Sales	---
(19)	Krasnodar (?) Supply Office of the Southern Front	200	Fish	Rostov/Don, Black Sea Fish Industry	For September

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(20) The Kolkhoz "Lenin" in Abkhaz delivered 252 tons of tea to the State delivery offices. The planned number was exceeded by 2 tons.

3. Production

(21) One million rubles was authorized in 1943 for repair and expansion work at Krasnoyarsk Harbor.

(22) The construction of a wooden floating dock is to be undertaken in Krasnoyarsk.

The following ship construction and ship repairs were identified:

1.) Ship Construction

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Building Yard</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(23)	4	Steamers	---	Kujbyshev	Under construction
(24)	3	Barges	1700	Borovaya	To complete two in Sept. and one in Oct.
(25)	3	Barges (for grain)	1700	Gorodets	"
(26)	3	Barges	1700	Raznezhe	"
(27)	1	Barge	1700	Tavda	---
	3	Barges	---	Tavda	Under construction
(28)	1	Cutter	---	Khabarovsk	---

2.) Ship Repairs

(29)	1	Launch	600	Gorkij	Repairs completed as of 23 August.
	1	Barge	1500	Gorkij	"
	1	Barge	700	Gorkij	"
	1	Launch	700	Gorkij	Dock work completed as of 23 Aug.
	1	Launch	1000	Gorkij	Entered dock 23 August
	1	Steamer	550	Gorkij	"
	1	Barge	450	Gorkij	"
	1	Barge	2300	Gorkij	"
(30)	3	Barges	1700	Vladimirovka	To begin repairs

(31) Ships' trials by the authorities are taking an unsatisfactory turn in Stalingrad-NKRF.

(32) According to a message to Kujbyshev-NKRF, the conversion of river ships to mazut firing was once again strictly forbidden.

(33) The following wharves were behind in preparations for the coming ship repairs:

Gorkij Plant "Molotov"
Zvenigovo
Ust Ussa

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(34) Zvenigovo is especially behind in the repair of installations for the production of ships' parts.

(35) For the coming ships' repairs in Chistopol, the construction of the foundry and the expansion of the boiler plants of the local NKRF hospital are to be expedited.

(36) According to a message to Kujbyshev and Uralsk-NKRF, from 5 August on, a daily report is to be submitted on the number of ships' parts which have been produced.

(37) The following sums were authorized for repair work in the third and fourth quarter to the following NKRF offices:

<u>Sum</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
655,000 rubles	Blagoveshchensk	For the third quarter
230,000	Blagoveshchensk	For the fourth quarter
448,000	Khabarovsk	For the third quarter
187,000	Yakutsk	For the third quarter
370,000	Yakutsk	For the fourth quarter
142,000	Semipalatinsk	For the third quarter
80,000	Semipalatinsk	For the fourth quarter
185,000	Uralsk	For the third quarter
13,000	Uralsk	For the fourth quarter

(38) In August Molotov-NKRF received imported turning lathes.

<u>Newly Identified Plants</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Plant 35	---	---
Plant 153	Novosibirsk	---
Plant 210	Omsk (?)	Produces electrical armament objects

4.) Transport Situation

(40) Pyatigorsk reports that disturbances have appeared on the railway line Cherkassk-Nevynomyssk.

(41) In the second ten days of August the lithopone plant in Kutais required 11 railroad cars. However, only 5 cars were made available and loaded.

(42) Because of the insufficient number of railroad cars made available and the lack of tarpaulin, the danger exists that wool and jute stored by the Aral Sea will spoil.

(43) In Kalach 1,000 tons of scrap are to be shipped daily.

(44) Ships remain standing in the harbor of Tomsk. Moscow petitions Novosibirsk to present the matter to the prosecuting authorities so that the persons responsible will be brought to account.

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(45) Saratov NKRF is not making available the required ships' space for the transport of 4500 cubic meters of firewood for other offices.

(46) Because of the non-availability of ships' space in June and July, 250 tons of raw leather and wool have been piled up at the landing places in Semipalatinsk. The danger exists that these goods will spoil. The following transports are to be carried out:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(47)	Tin Industry	1300 tons	Coal	Transport is being carried out from Semipalatinsk NKRF in August
	Tin Industry	3100	Coal	Transport will be carried out by Semipalatinsk NKRF in September
(48)	Meat and Dairy Industry	1500 cu. met.	Sawn timber	"
(49)	Krasnoyarsk NK for Mortar Industry	99 cars	Iron	September plan from Rostov-on-Don
(50)	---	115 cars	Hay	September, to be carried out by the Ordzhonikidze railway
(51)	---	30 cars	Hay	September, to be carried out by Voroshilov railway

The following transports were carried out:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(52)	9600 tons	Salt	Molotov NKRF, transports from 1 to 23 August
(53)	8000 tons	Coal	Novosibirsk NKRF, transports from 1 to 20 August. Plan for August, 9669 tons.
(54)	778 tons	Misc. freight	Handled in Saratov on 18 August.

The following transport plans of the individual river fleet offices were identified:

(55) Transport plan for the third ten days of August for Ust Ussa:

Coal	8,000 tons
Wood	1,000 tons
Logs	6,000 tons
Misc.	3,500 tons
Total	18,500 tons (equal 6.7 million ton/kilometers)

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Transports to be carried out in September:

(56)	<u>From Yakutsk:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Million ton/kilometers</u>
	Grain	2,000 tons	2.9
	Salt	1,100	1.0
	Coal	4,000	5.3
	Minerals	1,500	0.1
	Other goods	800	1.4
	Total	9,400 tons	10.7
(57)	<u>From Semipalatinsk-NKRF</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Million ton/kilometers</u>
	Grain	10,000 tons	3.6
	Salt	5,000	2.8
	Coal	3,100	1.1
	Wood	9,700	2.1
	Clay	15,000	4.0
	Cattle	3,000	1.3
	Total	45,800 tons	15.1
(58)	<u>From Ulan Ude-NKRF</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Million ton/kilometers</u>
	Salt	800 tons	0.5
	Wood	100	?
	Cattle	4,000	0.8
	Fish	1,400	0.6
	Freight of the NK for		
	Foreign Trade	4,500	0.1
	Other freight	15,000	2.0
	Total	25,800 tons	4.0

3.) Civil Air Fleet

(59) The chief of the Civil Air Fleet ordered that a 24 hour watch in two shifts is to be carried out in all the airports, directorates, troop sections and units. The individual shifts will last from 12 to 14 hours.

(60) On 8 August the following planes arrived in Yakutsk from Nome (Alaska):

7 planes, type B-25, 31 planes, type A-20, 57 planes, type A-39.

(61) The following units of the Civil Air Fleet were mentioned for the first time:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2nd Regiment of the 1st ATD (Flight Transport Division)	---	---
10th Flight Regiment	---	---
15th Flight Regiment	Novosibirsk	(?) --
32nd Division	---	---
Flight School of the Uzbek Directorate	---	Possibility that this Flight School is identical to the one in Tashkent

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ARM 21 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Sverdlovsk	---
ARM 22 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	---	---
ARM 32 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Sochi (?)	---

The following were confirmed:

12th Flight Group	Novosibirsk	---
Independent Mixed Flight Squadron	Sochi	---
Ob Division	---	Comdr. Prokhorov

(62) Flight line Stalingrad-Astrakhan-Baku-Teheran is in existence.

(63) The aviation repair workshops in Stalinabad are idle because pistons are needed for the repair of airplane motors.

(64) TU-52 planes and BMW motors are being repaired in Kujbyshev (see Military-Economic Report 4/8).

(65) The following sulfur transports were carried out by the Civil Air Fleet from Darvas:

On 11 August	20.5 tons
On 14 August	14.5
On 15 August	21.6
On 18 August	11.5